



# Health Policy Briefing

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## American Rescue Plan Act Signed into Law

The House of Representatives approved the \$1.9 trillion *American Rescue Plan Act* (H.R. 1319) with a 220-211 vote last week, sending the measure to President Joe Biden for his signature. No Republicans supported the legislation, and Jared Golden (D-Maine) was the only Democrat to oppose it. The bill, which was previously amended by the Senate and advanced via the budget reconciliation process, restricts eligibility for the \$1,400 stimulus checks and extends unemployment benefits at a lower level than that contained in the version of the bill initially passed by the House. The legislation includes \$48 billion for COVID-19 testing and tracing and \$7.5 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) vaccine distribution efforts. It does not include a measure to increase the minimum wage, after the Senate’s parliamentarian ruled that the provision did not qualify for the fast-track budget reconciliation process, but it does include an expansion of the child tax credit and health insurance premium subsidies. Please see the included Appendix for a summary of health provisions in the law, as prepared by Hart Health Strategies Inc.

### ***House to Consider Medicare Sequester, PPP Extension This Week***

The House of Representatives is planning to consider a legislative measure that would delay billions of dollars in automatic cuts to the Medicare program this week. The current moratorium on the 2% Medicare sequester expires on March 31, while the latest stimulus package triggers statutory pay-as-you-go requirements that would result in a 4%, or \$36 billion,

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sequester to the program in early 2022. The 2010 Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) statute requires any addition to the federal deficit be offset by spending reductions, with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) responsible for issuing a report at the end of the calendar year that would trigger the sequestration to mandatory programs. Lawmakers are expected to advance the legislation (H.R. 1868), which was introduced on Friday by House Budget Chair John Yarmuth (D-Ky.), to waive and reset the PAYGO amounts and delay the 2% sequestration cuts for a period of nine months, through December 31. The House Rules Committee is scheduled to meet March 16 to set the terms for floor debate for the measure. There has historically been bipartisan support for waiving the PAYGO rules to avoid Medicare cuts, even with partisan opposition to the triggering legislation, as was the case with the GOP's 2017 tax cut.

The House is also expected to vote this week to extend the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for two months beyond its current expiration on March 31. The bill (H.R. 1799) would extend the program's funding authorization through June 30 and require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to spend the final 30 days completing applications that were submitted prior to June 1. The bill has been listed for floor consideration this week under suspension of the rules. The measure is expected to have Republican support. The budget reconciliation package signed into law on March 11 added \$7.2 billion to the program, for a total lending authority of \$813.7 billion. About \$120 billion remained in the program as of March 7.

### ***President Marks One Year of COVID With Announcements to Speed Vaccinations***

President Joe Biden hosted executives from Johnson & Johnson (J&J) and Merck at the White House last week, following the announcement that the companies had reached a deal facilitated by the administration to speed production of J&J's COVID vaccine. The agreement that will result in the production of 100 million more doses of the single-dose, easily stored J&J vaccine. According to the administration, this doubling of the country's order will help build a stockpile larger than the U.S. population, which could support the eventual vaccination of people under the age of 16 or any unexpected needs for doses as new variants of the virus emerge. The new J&J doses will be available in the second half of the year.

The President also addressed the nation for the first time since his inauguration on Thursday evening to mark the one-year anniversary of the start of the pandemic. During his speech, the President announced that he will direct states to make all U.S. adults eligible for vaccinations by May 1, and that his administration would reach its goal of 100 millions shots during the first 100 days of his presidency by his 60th day in office. He also announced that the administration will start distributing vaccines to an additional 700 community health centers and will double the number of retail pharmacies receiving shots from the federal government. The administration will also double the number of mass-vaccination sites and has moved to authorize dentists, EMTs, paramedics, veterinarians, medical students, and other health professionals to administer shots through an expanded liability shield under the ***Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act of 2005***.

The President previously said that he expects to have enough vaccine available by the end of May to vaccinate all U.S. adults, although more time will be necessary to administer the shots. The federal government plans to launch websites and a call center to help Americans locate available vaccination appointments by May 1. During his address, the President offered the Fourth of July as a goal for the nation to begin returning to normalcy.

### ***Sen. Roy Blunt Announces Plans to Retire***

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) announced that he does not plan to run for reelection next year. Sen. Blunt is the no. 4 Senate Republican leader who has spent 24 years in the House of Representatives and Senate combined. For the past six years he has been the top Republican on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, where he has been a strong advocate for strengthening research funding at the National Institutes of Health (NIH); federal spending on biomedical research has increased 42.7% since 2015. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) called Blunt's decision to retire "a loss for the Republican conference and the entire Senate." Blunt joins Republican Sens. Richard Burr (N.C.), Rob Portman (Ohio), Richard Shelby (Ala.) and Patrick Toomey (Pa.) who already have said they will not seek another term.

### ***Senate Expected to Advance HHS Nominees***

The Senate voted to discharge the nomination of California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to be Secretary of Health and Human Services on Thursday by a vote of 51-48. The Senate Finance Committee deadlocked on Becerra's nomination along party lines earlier this month, necessitating the procedural vote. Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) joined Democrats in voting to bring the nomination for a vote. Collins stated that she received assurances from Becerra that he would work with her on drug pricing legislation. During his confirmation hearings, Republican panel members raised concerns about Becerra's stance on abortion and his qualifications to lead the large health department.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a March 17 vote on the nominations of Vivek Murthy to serve as Surgeon General and Rachel Levine to serve as Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. Both individuals are expected to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

### ***Slavitt to Leave WH Post in May***

Senior adviser to President Joe Biden's Covid response team Andy Slavitt has confirmed that he is planning to leave his position at the White House at the end of May. Slavitt joined the administration in mid-January as a special government employee to support efforts around vaccine messaging. In this capacity, he is only permitted to serve for a limited period of time, which is set to expire in June.

### ***Biden Personnel Update***

President Joe Biden has nominated Melanie Egorin to serve as Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Egorin was the Democratic Deputy Staff Director for the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health. She was the lead staff person for Affordable Care Act (ACA) policy, Medicare Advantage, dual-eligible beneficiaries, end-stage renal disease (ESRD), women's health, and health tax issues. Prior to joining Ways and Means, she worked for the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

### ***Extended Use of Proxy Voting Under Consideration***

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) indicated last week that House leadership is discussing whether to extend the use of proxy voting following the conclusion of the current public health emergency (PHE). He suggested that it may be a useful tool for members who are sick, on maternity leave, or unable to be present due to the death of a relative. The proxy voting system used in the House of Representatives is currently in effect through the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Democrats began implementing the practice in May 2020, and it was renewed again in January of this year.

### ***CDC Releases Guidance for Vaccinated Individuals***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released its long-awaited guidance on how fully vaccinated individuals can safely behave. The [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) states that those who are fully vaccinated can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing, visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing, and refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if they are asymptomatic. This population should continue to take precautions like wearing a mask and physical distancing when in public or when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at an increased risk for severe COVID-19, and should continue to avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings.

### ***Sunset Rule Faces Legal Challenge in CA***

The Trump-era Sunset Rule is facing a legal challenge in California's Northern District. The rule would cause existing health regulations to expire if they are not reviewed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) every 10 years. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit, which include the Center for Science in the Public Interest and the American Lung Association, argue that the rule could result in the termination of more than 17,000 health regulations by 2026 and would create "incalculable costs and chaos." The case is *County of Santa Clara et al v. HHS*, N.D. Cal., No. 5:21-cv-01655.

### ***Hart Health Strategies COVID-19 Resources***

Hart Health Strategies Inc. continues to update the following resources related to the coronavirus pandemic. Please remember to clear your cache to ensure you download the most recent documents.

- [Disaster Primer](#)
- [Federal Relief Overview](#)
- [Health Care Workers on the Front Lines](#)
- [Hospice and Palliative Care](#)
- [Nursing Resources](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- [Physician Provisions](#)
- [Re-Opening America](#)
- [Small Business Resources](#)
- [Small Business - Paycheck Protection Program](#)
- [Small Business – PPP FAQ](#)
- [State Resources](#)
- [Tax Provisions](#)
- [Telehealth Overview](#)
- [Testing](#)
- [Vaccines](#)

Upcoming Congressional Committee Activity

*Senate Finance Committee hearing “Made in America: Effect of the U.S. Tax Code on Domestic Manufacturing;” 10:00 a.m.; March 16*

*House Rules Committee meeting to consider H.R. 1868—To prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, H.R. 1620—Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021, and other measures; 11:00 a.m.; March 16*

*Senate HELP Committee executive session to consider the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy to serve as Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service and Rachel Levine to serve as Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services; 9:30 a.m.; March 17*

*House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing “Leading the Way Forward: Biden Administration Actions to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations;” 10:00 a.m.; March 17*

*Senate Finance Committee hearing “A National Tragedy: COVID-19 in the Nation’s Nursing Homes;” 10:00 a.m.; March 17*

*Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing “Advancing Effective U.S. Policy for Strategic Competition with China in the Twenty-First Century;” 10:00 a.m.; March 17*

*House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing “Averting a Crisis: Protecting Access to Health Care in the U.S. Territories;” 1:00 p.m.; March 17*

*Senate Small Business & Entrepreneurship Committee hearing “The Paycheck Protection Program: Performance, Impact, and Next Steps;” 2:30 p.m.; March 17*

*Senate Aging Committee hearing “COVID-19 One Year Later: Addressing Health Care Needs for At-Risk Americans;” 9:30 a.m.; March 18*

*Senate HELP Committee hearing “Examining Our COVID-19 Response: An Update from Federal Officials;” 10:00 a.m., 216 Hart Bldg.; March 18*

*Senate Finance Committee hearing “Fighting Forced Labor: Closing Loopholes and Improving Customs Enforcement to Mandate Clean Supply Chains and Protect Workers;” 10:00 a.m.; March 18*

*House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing “A Year Out: Addressing International Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic;” 1:00 p.m.; March 18*

*House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Health hearing “Beyond Deborah Sampson: Improving Healthcare for America’s Women Veterans in the 117th Congress;” 2:30 p.m.; March 18*

*House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing “The Pandemic and VA’s Medical Supply Chain: Evaluating the Year-Long Response and Modernization;” 2:00 p.m.; March 24*

Recently Introduced Health Legislation

*S.612 — A bill to require the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide certain information to medical center staff and homelessness service providers of the Department regarding the coordinated entry processes for housing and services operated under the Continuum of Care Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs*

*S.613 — A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy and to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary to provide service dogs to veterans with mental illnesses who do not have mobility impairments; Sponsor: Sen. Tillis, Thom [R-NC]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.Res.197 — Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the export of COVID-19 vaccines to foreign countries; Sponsor: Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs*

*H.R.1609 — To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide Secretarial authority to temporarily waive or modify application of certain Medicare requirements with respect to ambulance services furnished during certain emergency periods; Sponsor: Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1611 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare; Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.1629 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to limitations on exclusive approval or licensure of orphan drugs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Budget*

*H.R.1639 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore State authority to waive for certain facilities the 35-mile rule for designating critical access hospitals under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1647 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the use of telehealth for substance use disorder treatment and mental health services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Judiciary*

*H.R.1649 — To make a technical correction to the ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019; Sponsor: Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

*H.R.1653 — To amend the America COMPETES Act to strengthen reporting requirements relating to deficiencies in Federal research infrastructure, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]; Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology*

*H.R.1655 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage under the Medicare program for FDA-approved qualifying colorectal cancer screening blood-based tests, to increase participation in colorectal cancer screening in under-screened communities of color, to offset the COVID-19 pandemic driven declines in colorectal cancer screening and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.1667 — To address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals; Sponsor: Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.Res.203 — Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President of the United States should take Executive action to declare National COVID-19 Vaccination Awareness Day as a one-time Federal holiday to act as a galvanizing moment to promote the more rapid distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to all areas of the country, show appreciation for the heroic partnership between government and health care stakeholders to develop effective and safe vaccines in record time, and increase public awareness of the important role vaccination can play for a return to normalcy as soon as possible; Sponsor: Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.Res.209 — Supporting the designation of March 2021 as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; Sponsor: Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]; Committees: House - Oversight and Reform*

*H.R.1670 — To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the use of funds for comprehensive reproductive health care services, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]; Committees: House - Foreign Affairs*

*H.R.1676 — To amend title XVIII to provide for certain Medigap coverage for Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]; Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1677 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission to conduct studies and report to Congress on actions taken to expand access to telehealth services under the Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance programs during the COVID-19 emergency; Sponsor: Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means*

*H.R.1685 — To authorize the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, acting through the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, to award grants to States to expand access to clinically appropriate services for opioid abuse, dependence, or addiction; Sponsor: Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1686 — To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to evaluate and report on the inpatient and outpatient treatment capacity, availability, and needs of the United States; Sponsor: Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources*

*H.R.1716 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, to conduct or support research on the mental health consequences of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1717 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make permanent the protections under Medicaid for recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment; Sponsor: Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1720 — To provide additional funding under the Defense Production Act of 1950 related to medical supplies and equipment directly related to combating the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]; Committees: House - Financial Services*

*H.R.1722 — To amend titles XI and XIX of the Social Security Act to stabilize the Medicaid program in Puerto Rico; Sponsor: Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

**S.620** — *A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission to conduct studies and report to Congress on actions taken to expand access to telehealth services under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs during the COVID-19 emergency; Sponsor: Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]; Committees: Senate – Finance*

**S.631** — *A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, to conduct or support research on the mental health consequences of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*

**S.637** — *A bill to forestall the loss of research talent by establishing a temporary early career research fellowship program; Sponsor: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]; Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation*

**S.644** — *A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore State authority to waive for certain facilities the 35-mile rule for designating critical access hospitals under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]; Committees: Senate – Finance*

**S.646** — *A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]; Committees: Senate – Finance*

**H.Res.216** — *Providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 471) to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from lessening the stringency of, and to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from ceasing or lessening implementation of, the COVID-19 border health provisions through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]; Committees: House – Rules*

**H.R.1730** — *To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to accelerate development of therapies across the spectrum of rare diseases and conditions and facilitate patient access to such therapies, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

**H.R.1738** — *To amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under the Medicaid program and Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

**H.R.1749** — *To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on potential disparities in incurred costs for rural and urban hospitals under the inpatient prospective payment system and to authorize appropriate payment adjustments; Sponsor: Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

**H.R.1751** — *To provide for technical assistance under the health profession opportunity grant program under section 2008 of the Social Security Act; Sponsor: Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]; Committees: House - Ways and Means*

**S.653** — *A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of Medicare secondary payer rules to certain workers’ compensation settlement agreements and qualified Medicare set-aside provisions; Sponsor: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]; Committees: Senate – Finance*

**S.660** — *A bill to require parity in the coverage of mental health and substance use disorder services provided to enrollees in private insurance plans, whether such services are provided in-person or through telehealth; Sponsor: Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*



**S.662 — A bill to establish an interactive online dashboard to allow the public to review information for Federal grant funding related to mental health programs; Sponsor: Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.670 — A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to accelerate development of therapies across the spectrum of rare diseases and conditions and facilitate patient access to such therapies, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.674 — A bill to support public health infrastructure; Sponsor: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.682 — A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish a vaccine for COVID-19 to certain individuals who are not enrolled in the patient enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Sponsor: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs**

**S.690 — A bill to expedite the provision of humanitarian assistance, including life-saving medical care, to the people of North Korea, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]; Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations**

**S.699 — A bill to require a review of women and lung cancer, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.701 — A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide equal coverage of in vitro specific IgE tests and percutaneous tests for allergies under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]; Committees: Senate - Finance**

**S.708 — A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to advise the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use on a national strategy for preventing mental health and substance use crises during a public health emergency, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]; Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions**

**S.709 — A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Finance**

**S.712 — A bill to amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to provide for immediate eligibility for former foster youth under Medicaid; Sponsor: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]; Committees: Senate - Finance**

**S.723 — A bill to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]; Committees: Senate - Small Business and Entrepreneurship**

**S.727 — A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]; Committees: Senate - Veterans' Affairs**

**S.732 — A bill to strengthen Buy American requirements, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]; Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs**

**S.735 — A bill to amend the Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992 to further support advanced technological manufacturing, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]; Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation**

*H.R.1784 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to enhance reporting requirements for nonexpansion States, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1790 — To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to set forth a method of determining maximum out-of-pocket limits and annual updates to premium tax credit eligibility; Sponsor: Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1791 — To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permanently extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1792 — To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to prohibit lifetime or annual limits on dental coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program, and to require wraparound coverage of dental services for certain children under such program; Sponsor: Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1793 — To amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to provide for immediate eligibility for former foster youth under Medicaid; Sponsor: Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1794 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to strengthen coverage under the Medicaid program for certain foster youth individuals; Sponsor: Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1795 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth; Sponsor: Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1796 — To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible State agencies to promote State innovations to expand health insurance coverage; Sponsor: Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1799 — To amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]; Committees: House - Small Business*

*H.R.1800 — To require a review of women and lung cancer, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1801 — To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]; Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs*

*H.R.1803 — To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a grant program to promote comprehensive mental health and suicide prevention efforts in high schools, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Cardenas, Tony [D-CA-29]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Education and Labor*

*H.R.1806 — To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for additional requirements with respect to the navigator program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce*

*H.R.1811 — To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize additional funding for planning, design, construction, modernization, and renovation of hospitals and outpatient health care facilities; Sponsor: Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]; Committees: House - Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce*

**H.R.1818 — To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States and political subdivisions of States to support the improvement, renovation, or modernization of infrastructure at clinical laboratories that will help to improve SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 testing and response activities, including the expansion and enhancement of testing capacity at such laboratories; Sponsor: Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.1823 — To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove the matching requirement for a territory to use specially allocated Federal funds for Medicare covered part D drugs for low-income individuals; Sponsor: Resident Commissioner Gonzalez-Colon, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.1825 — To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make premium and cost-sharing subsidies available to low-income Medicare part D beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico or another territory of the United States; Sponsor: Resident Commissioner Gonzalez-Colon, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means**

**H.R.1826 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate late enrollment penalties under part B of the Medicare program for individuals residing in Puerto Rico if such individuals enroll within 5 years of becoming entitled to benefits under part A of such program; Sponsor: Resident Commissioner Gonzalez-Colon, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means**

**H.R.1829 — To require the Government Accountability Office to study the role pharmaceutical benefit managers play in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.1838 — To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve rural health clinic payments, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means**

**H.R.1840 — To amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]; Committees: House - Small Business**

**H.R.1846 — To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to hospital infrastructure; Sponsor: Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.1849 — To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to establish a core public health infrastructure program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.1857 — To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the meaning of a new chemical entity; Sponsor: Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.1859 — To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to award grants to States, territories, political subdivisions of States and territories, Tribal governments, and consortia of Tribal governments to establish an unarmed 911 response program, and for other purposes; Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**

**H.R.1860 — To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the opportunity for responsible health savings to all American families; Sponsor: Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]; Committees: House - Ways and Means**

**H.R.1862 — To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a pilot program to improve community-based care infrastructure; Sponsor: Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]; Committees: House - Energy and Commerce**